

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

301 State House
(317) 232-9855

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7836

BILL NUMBER: HB 2034

DATE PREPARED: Mar 6, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Mar 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Rape Crisis Centers.

FISCAL ANALYST: Kathy Norris

PHONE NUMBER: 234-1360

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes a Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to be administered by the Office of Women's Health within the State Department of Health. The bill establishes a Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fee. The bill uses the revenue generated by the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fee to fund the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to provide assistance to rape crisis centers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill establishes a non-reverting Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to be administered by the Office of Women's Health within the State Department of Health. The purpose of the Fund will be to fund rape crisis centers that provide services to victims of sexual assault. The bill requires the fund be distributed to a statewide nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is pursuing the eradication of sexual violence in the state. The nonprofit corporation is required to allocate the fund among the rape crisis centers. The nonprofit corporation may use up to 10% of the total available for distribution each year for administrative expenses.

There are currently 26 rape crisis centers located throughout the state. In CY 2000, 767 reports of sexual assault were made to rape crisis centers.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill establishes a Sexual Assistance Victims Fee of at least \$250 and not more than \$1,000 against an individual convicted of specified sexual offenses. The fee is to be transferred by the Clerk within 30 days of collection to the Office of Women's Health to be deposited in the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund. The Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Council has received statistics on the number of convicted sexual offenders from 50 of the state's counties, which does not include the larger counties such as Allen, Lake, Elkhart, and Clark. These statistics indicate that for 1999, there were 305

individuals convicted of the sexual offenses specified in this bill. Convicted offenders in this sample of counties would have paid approximately \$76,250 to \$305,000 in fees.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Office of Women's Health, State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Prosecuting Attorney Council.